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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/699,577	Applicant(s) GRANT ET AL.	
	Examiner GRANT FORD	Art Unit 2441	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18 and 20-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18 and 20-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 9/25/2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 2-5, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 20-31 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Knight, Rangan, and Cho as outlined below.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the ceasing the provision of at least one service in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service of independent claim 2 and ceasing the implementation of the at least one service in the gateway in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure

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is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

In Applicant's response dated 9/25/2008, Applicant stated that the gateway of claim 2 is illustrated throughout the figures (e.g., Fig. 1-2 and 4). The Examiner notes that 37 CFR 1.83(a) requires that "*The drawing in a nonprovisional application must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. However, conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation...*" In the instant case, at least the features of: ceasing the provision of at least one service in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service of independent claim 2 and ceasing the implementation of the at least one service in the gateway in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service, are not shown in the drawings.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-5, 7, 11-14, 16, 20-22, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knight et al. (US 2004/0199618), hereinafter referred to as Knight, in view of Rangan et al. (US 2004/0148376), hereinafter referred to as Rangan.

a. As per claims 2 and 11, Knight discloses a gateway comprising:

a first port coupled to a first network and a second port coupled to a second network (Fig. 4, Para. 0029,0031);

processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046);

processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on behalf of the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046); and

processes implemented within the gateway for ceasing the implementation of the at least one service in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046). However, Knight fails to explicitly disclose processes implemented within the gateway for determining when the at least one service is implemented in the second network.

Rangan teaches processes implemented within the gateway for determining when the at least one service is implemented in the second network (Para.

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0084-0088, 0100-0108, 0132-0146, 0148). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of determining when the at least one service is implemented in the second network with the prior art of Knight. One of ordinary skill in the art would have done so for the purpose of providing for discovery across disparate networks to maintain iSCSI/Fibre Channel interconnection (Para. 0148).

b. As per claims 3 and 12, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

c. As per claims 4 and 13, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an IP network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

d. As per claims 5 and 14, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a SAN (Para. 0031).

e. As per claims 7 and 16, Knight discloses a first port coupled to a first network and a second port coupled to a second network (Fig. 4, Para. 0029,0031);

processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046);

processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on behalf of the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046). However, Knight fails to explicitly disclose wherein the at least one service provided by the first

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network comprises a discovery service and the processes implemented within the gateway comprise a discovery service implemented on behalf of the second network.

Rangan teaches wherein the at least one service provided by the first network comprises a discovery service and the processes implemented within the gateway comprise a discovery service implemented on behalf of the second network (Para. 0100-0108, 0132-0146, 0148). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of providing discovery services on behalf of a second network with the prior art of Knight. One of ordinary skill in the art would have done so for the purpose of allowing for interconnection between iSCSI and Fibre Channel networks where devices on a first network can discover all devices on a second network through the use of an intermediary device (Para. 0086, 0148).

f. As per claims 20 and 26, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

g. As per claims 21 and 27, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an IP network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

h. As per claims 22 and 28, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a SAN (Para. 0031).

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5. Claims 9, 18, 23-25, and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knight in view of Cho et al. (*A Method for Accommodating Storage Service in Optical Access System*), hereinafter referred to as Cho.

a. As per claims 9 and 18, Knight discloses a first port coupled to a first network and a second port coupled to a second network (Fig. 4, Para. 0029,0031); processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046);

processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on behalf of the second network (Para. 0039-0040,0043,0046). However, Knight fails to explicitly disclose wherein the at least one service provided by the first network comprises a security service and the processes implemented within the gateway comprise a security service implemented on behalf of the second network.

Cho teaches a iSCSI-Fibre Channel interconnection gateway including a Security Processor Module for providing IPSec security processing for iSCSI data in IP network environments (Fig. 1 and 4, Page 661, Page 662 lines 1-7). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of IPSec processing in network interconnection gateways with the prior art of Knight. One of ordinary skill in the art would have done so for the purpose of providing proper security and authentication data associated with a connection (Page 661).

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b. As per claims 23 and 29, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

c. As per claims 24 and 30, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an IP network (Para. 0021, 0024-0025, 0031, 0033, 0038).

d. As per claims 25 and 31, Knight additionally discloses wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a SAN (Para. 0031).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GRANT FORD whose telephone number is (571)272-8630. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30 Mon-Thurs alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571)272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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